Villages trapped between LoC and barbed wiring

†2065. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several villages are trapped between Line of Control and barbed wiring due to barbed wiring on the Line of Control on the border with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the number of such villages and the number of persons affected from this;

(c) the distance in kilometres between the Line of Control and barbed fencing; and

(d) the land in kilometres between Line of Control and barbed wire?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and
(b) Approximately 74 villages lie between the Line of Control (LoC) and the fence. However, none of these villages is trapped as a number of gates have been provided in the fence to facilitate the movement of villagers.

(c) The fence has been constructed at a distance of one to eight Kilometres from the LoC based on technical considerations.

(d) The area of the land lying between the LoC and the fence is approximately 1550 Square kilometres.

Army personnel killed in J & K

2066. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army personnel of different ranks killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years and upto 20th December, 2004, yearwise;

(b) whether there is a fresh spurt in the violence in the Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to evolve a fresh strategy to counter terrorism in the Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Details of Army personnel of different ranks killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years and upto 30th November, 2004 is as follows:—

Year	Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers	Other Ranks	Total
2001	32	40	392	464
2002	33	26	349	408
2003	22	35	391	448
2004	15	17	223	255
GRAND	102	118	1355	1575

(b) There has been no spurt in violence in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) to (e) The current multi pronged counter proxy war strategy, incorporating a strong counter infiltration posture, relentless operations in the hinterland and winning hearts and minds of the local populace, adopted by the Army has proved to be highly successful. Infiltration of terrorists has been reduced due to counter infiltration measures, which include multi-tiered deployment, construction of the fence along the Line of Control and integration of state of the art surveillance devices. The success notwithstanding, the Army continually reviews its strategy to deal with terrorists, based on the ground situation.

Making appendices of Kargil Review Committee Report public

2067. SHRI MURLI DEORA:
SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some appendices of the Kargil Review Committee report, which examined the events leading to Kargil Conflict in 1997, have not been made public;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to make them public; and

(d) if so, by when these will be brought in national limelight?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes,
Sir.

(b) It was in view of national security concerns that the appendices of the Kargil Review Committee Report were not made public.